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War and National Defense § 45b

C.J.S. War and National Defense § 56

**§ 797. Publication and sale of photographs of defense installations**

On and after thirty days from the date upon which the President defines any vital military or naval installation or equipment as being within the category contemplated under section 795 of this title, whoever reproduces, publishes, sells, or gives away any photograph, sketch, picture, drawing, map, or graphical representation of the vital military or naval installations or equipment so defined, without first obtaining permission of the commanding officer of the military or naval post, camp, or station concerned, or higher authority, unless such photograph, sketch, picture, drawing, map, or graphical representation has clearly indicated thereon that it has been censored by the proper military or naval authority, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

June 25, 1948, c. 645, 62 Stat. 788.

**Historical and Revision Notes**

Reviser's Note. Based on sections 45 and 45b of Title 50, U.S.C., 1940 ed., War and National Defense (Jan. 12, 1938, c. 2, §§ 1, 3, 52 Stat. 3).

Punishment provision of section 45 of Title 50, U.S.C., 1940 ed., War and National Defense, is repeated. Words "upon conviction" were deleted as surplusage

since punishment cannot be imposed until a conviction is secured.

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

Canal Zone. Applicability of section to Canal Zone, see section 14 of this title.

**Library References**

War and National Defense § 45b

C.J.S. War and National Defense § 56

**§ 798. Disclosure of Classified Information<sup>1</sup>**

(a) Whoever knowingly and willfully communicates, furnishes, transmits, or otherwise makes available to an unauthorized person, or publishes, or uses in any manner prejudicial to the safety or interest of the United States or for the benefit of any foreign government to the detriment of the United States any classified information—

(1) concerning the nature, preparation, or use of any code, cipher, or cryptographic system of the United States or any foreign government; or

(2) concerning the design, construction, use, maintenance, or repair of any device, apparatus, or appliance used or prepared or planned for use by the United States or any foreign government for cryptographic or communication intelligence purposes; or

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(3) concerning the communication intelligence activities of the United States or any foreign government; or

(4) obtained by the processes of communication intelligence from the communications of any foreign government, knowing the same to have been obtained by such processes—

Shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

(b) As used in subsection (a) of this section—

The term "classified information" means information which, at the time of a violation of this section, is, for reasons of national security, specifically designated by a United States Government Agency for limited or restricted dissemination or distribution;

The terms "code," "cipher," and "cryptographic system" include in their meanings, in addition to their usual meanings, any method of secret writing and any mechanical or electrical device or method used for the purpose of disguising or concealing the contents, significance, or meanings of communications;

The term "foreign government" includes in its meaning any person or persons acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of any faction, party, department, agency, bureau, or military force of or within a foreign country, or for or on behalf of any government or any person or persons purporting to act as a government within a foreign country, whether or not such government is recognized by the United States;

The term "communication intelligence" means all procedures and methods used in the interception of communications and the obtaining of information from such communications by other than the intended recipients;

The term "unauthorized person" means any person who, or agency which, is not authorized to receive information of the categories set forth in subsection (a) of this section, by the President, or by the head of a department or agency of the United States Government which is expressly designated by the President to engage in communication intelligence activities for the United States.

(c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the furnishing, upon lawful demand, of information to any regularly constituted committee of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States of America, or joint committee thereof.

Added Oct. 31, 1951, c. 655, § 24(a), 65 Stat. 719.

1 So enacted. See second section 798 enacted on June 30, 1953, set out below.

### Historical Note

Canal Zone. Applicability of section to Canal Zone, see section 14 of this title.

Legislative History. For legislative history and purpose of Act Oct. 31, 1951, see 1951 U.S. Code Cong. and Adm. News, p. 2578.